

**STAFF REPORT
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
ZONING MEETING
CITY OF COLUMBUS, OHIO
MAY 9, 2013**

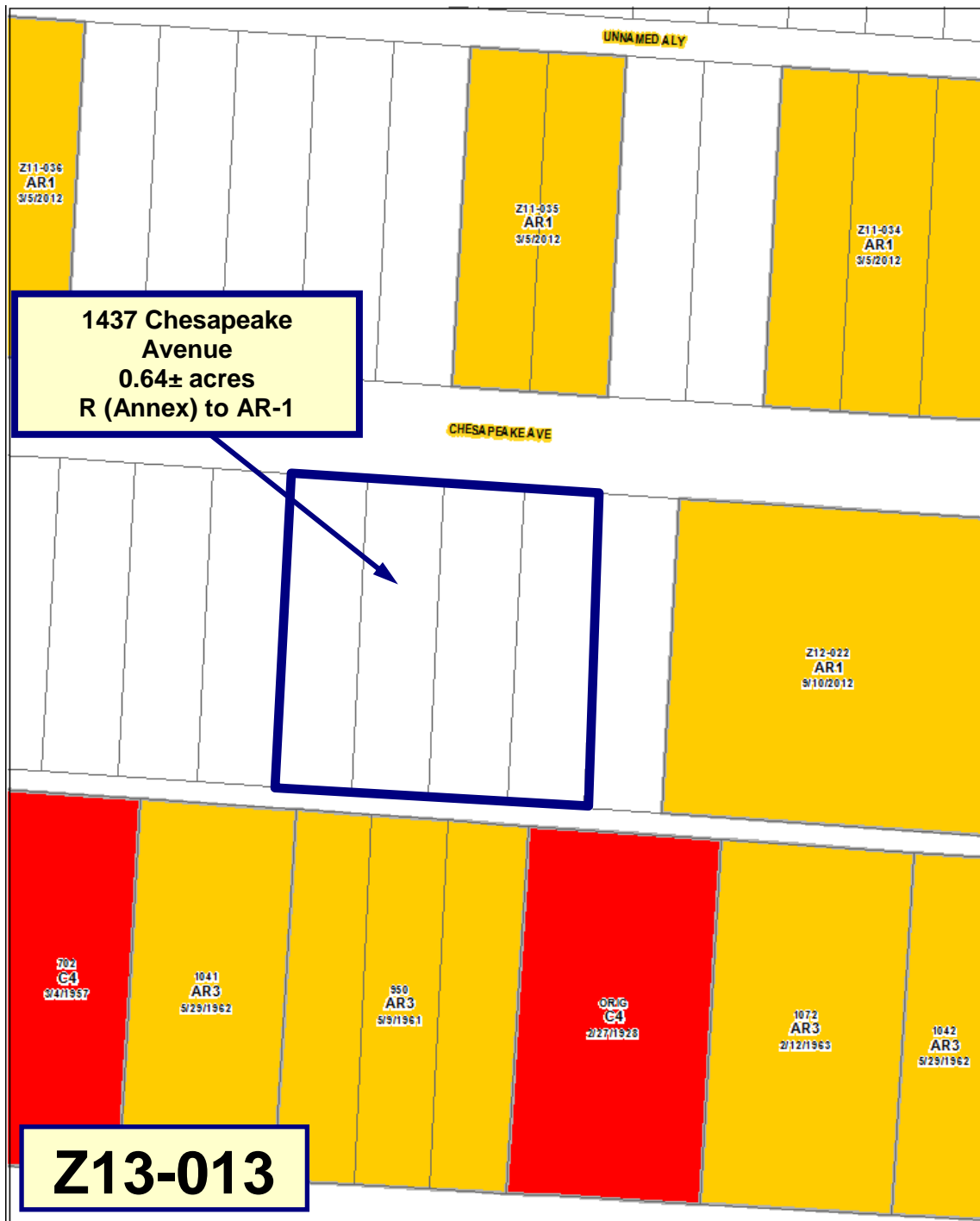
- 7. APPLICATION:** **Z13-013 (ACCELA # 13335-00000-00083)**
Location: **1437 CHESAPEAKE AVENUE (43212)**, being 0.64± acres located on the south side of Chesapeake Avenue, 750± feet east of North Star Avenue. (130-001391, Fifth by Northwest Area Commission).
Existing Zoning: R, Rural District.
Request: AR-1, Apartment Residential District.
Proposed Use: Multiple-unit dwellings
Applicant(s): Metropolitan Holdings LLC; c/o Jeffrey L. Brown & David L. Hodge, Attys.; Smith and Hale; 37 West Broad Street, Suite 725; Columbus, OH 43215.
Property Owner(s): Matt Vekasy; 1500 West Third Avenue, Suite 400; Columbus, Ohio 43212;
Planner: Dana Hitt; 645-2395; dahitt@columbus.gov

BACKGROUND:

- This 0.64± acre site is one of four recently annexed sites the applicant is currently seeking to rezone to the AR-1, Apartment Residential District on this portion of Chesapeake Avenue in order to develop multi-unit dwellings. The applicant was granted approval for four rezonings on Chesapeake Avenue to the AR-1, Apartment Residential District to develop multi-unit dwellings in 2012. This site is developed with single-unit dwellings. The applicant is also pursuing a concurrent Council variance to reduce various development standards. The Council variance is only heard by City Council and will not be considered at the Development Commission hearing.
- To the north is a single-unit dwelling in Franklin County, multi-unit dwellings in the AR-1, Apartment Residential District and property owned by the applicant to be rezoned to the AR-1 Apartment Residential District for multi-unit dwellings via Z13-021. To the south are multi-unit dwellings zoned in the AR-3, Apartment Residential and C-4, Commercial Districts. To the east is a single-unit dwelling in Franklin County. To the west is property owned by the applicant to be rezoned to the AR-1 Apartment Residential District for multi-unit dwellings via Z13-021.
- The site is located within the planning area of the *Fifth by Northwest Neighborhood Plan* (2009), which recommends mixed-use development for this location.
- The recommendation from the Fifth by Northwest Area Commission has not been received as of the preparation of this Staff Report.

CITY DEPARTMENTS' RECOMMENDATION: Approval

Given the predominance of multi-unit dwellings developed by the applicant or under development by the applicant, Staff finds the proposed use and zoning compatible with the zoning pattern and development pattern of the area. Staff will work with the applicant to ensure an appropriate side yard and buffer for the single-unit dwelling to the east as part of the concurrent Council variance. Furthermore, Staff finds the proposed use to be compatible with the recommendation of the *Fifth by Northwest Neighborhood Plan* (2009).

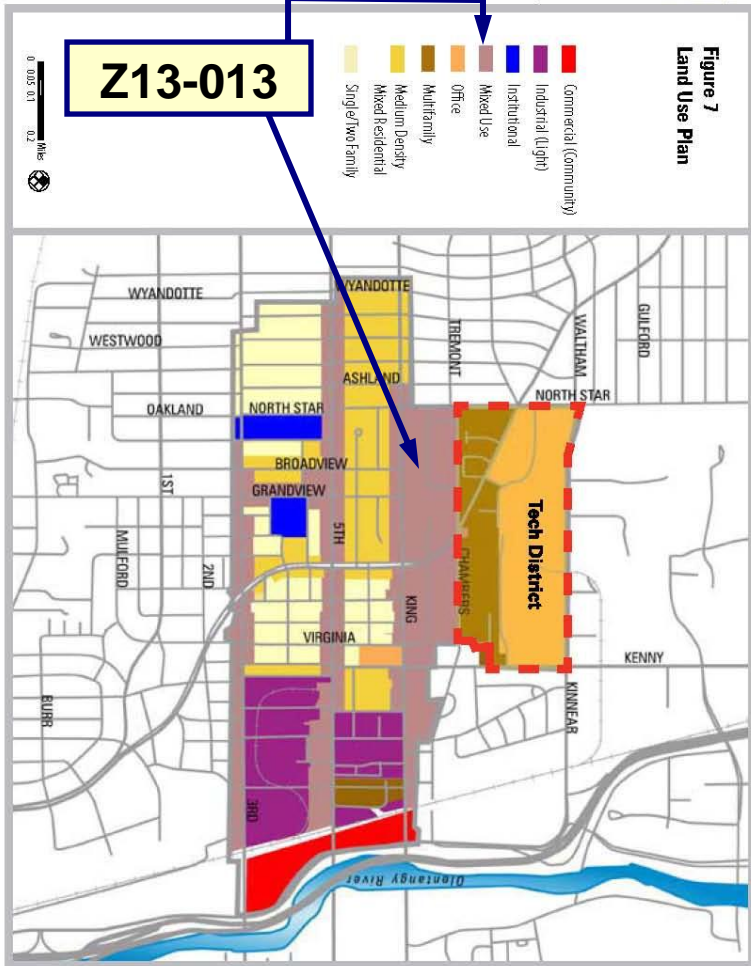


Policy:

Mixed use development should be common on Fifth by Northwest's primary corridors and include multifamily housing, neighborhood-scale retail, offices, and other services that contribute to a walkable environment.

Guidelines/Strategies

- Mixed use (retail, office, multifamily) is recommended for Fifth Avenue and Grandview Avenue (south of Fifth). The intersection of Fifth and Northwest and Fifth and Grandview should be the focus of the most intense neighborhood activity, expressed in the form of higher densities and intense commercial buildings. The intersection of Northwest and Chambers may also serve as a mixed use redevelopment opportunity.
- Mixed use (office and multifamily) is recommended for King Avenue to the east of North Star Road, with Medium Density Mixed Residential recommended to the west of North Star Road. New retail should be limited to the sites of existing retail (such as at the intersections of King Avenue and Northwest Boulevard and King Avenue and North Star Road) or as part of a new mixed-use project, such as integrated within a single building (no new stand-alone retail).





1437 Chesapeake
Avenue
0.64± acres
R (Annex) to AR-1

Z13-013